

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 316
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Rilla Marianelli.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Rilla Marianelli; and

WHEREAS, Rilla Marianelli was an estimable citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to her profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, Rilla was a graduate of the former East High School and Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, A Fulbright Scholar, Rilla taught French at Ensworth School; and

WHEREAS, Rilla always placed a high value on community service and spent much of her time serving astutely with Tennesseans for Fair Taxation, and the Center for Living and Learning; she also served for thirty years as a valuable participant with the League of Women Voters; and

WHEREAS, she distinguished herself as a diligent upholder of the great volunteer tradition of the State of Tennessee by devoting her time and considerable talents to both the Tennessee and Nashville Alliances for the Mentally Ill; and

WHEREAS, Rilla was an active and devout member of the Calvary United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Rilla leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by her friends and associates for many years to come; and

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WHEREAS, Rilla enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Andrew Marianelli for over forty years; and was the proud parent of two sons, Walter Marianelli and Russell Marianelli; and

WHEREAS, Rilla Marianelli was truly an outstanding woman, and all who knew her treasured her kindness, generosity, and ability to inspire others to achieve seemingly impossible goals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Rilla Marianelli, remembering with admiration her exemplary character and her many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Rilla Marianelli.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.